

REMARKS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated May 28, 2004 have been considered. Claims 16-23 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification is amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 1-15 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 16-23 are added to claim the invention in alternative language.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US patent number 5,701,435 to Chi (hereinafter "Chi"). The rejection is respectfully traversed. However, the rejection is moot in view of the canceled and newly added claims.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected as being anticipated by "Informing memory Operations, Proceedings, 23rd Annual International Symposium of Computer Architecture", May 1996, Horowitz *et al* (hereinafter "Horowitz"). The rejection is respectfully traversed. However, the rejection is moot in view of the canceled and newly added claims.

Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth above.

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